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OBSERVANDA

The distinguished, scholarly and able New England historian, John Fiske, whose contributions to American history are so very valuable and instructive, has written a capital paper for the Atlantic Monthly for November upon the "Forty Years of Bacon-Shakespeare Folly." In the history of letters nothing equal to this monumental "Folly" has been recorded. It is foggy, foolish, dense, blundering, unsubstantial, baseless from the inception to the last expression of nonsense and Boettian chaff. When Miss Della Bacon first set the rolling ball in motion she could not have anticipated the momentum of madness to which it would attain. Some rather intellectual men have followed in her wake and adopted her not even plausible inanities, but not one, as Mr. Fiske declares and truly was a profound scholar and surely not one was of well balanced mind. The whole thing has been exploded completely by other writers, but the contribution of Mr. Fiske is most noticeable, because of its breadth of treatment, keen insight and cumulative learning. No one with any intelligence and ability to comprehend a discussion can read it with any possible doubt as the authorship of the great dramas. Bacon could no more have written the immortal productions of the greatest of poets than he could have performed the physical impossibility of overturning Chimborazo. We long ago pointed to the convincing fact that Bacon could not write respectable verse even, for to him, as to the great Carlyle, was denied the gift of song, the power of poetic expression in metrical arrangement. We pointed to some samples given in Lord Campbell's "Lives of the Lord Chancellors" as proof positive that Bacon was a very indifferent builder of verse, not even a respectable poetaster. Every day the year round there appear in American newspapers original poems from obscure or unknown writers that put to shame the halting, limping, rude verse of Bacon. However valuable and charming his essays his poetical attempts are beneath contempt. He probably cribbed largely in writing the famous and immortal essays, but his little wings were incapable of even one "swallow flight" into the empyrean of poetry into which the mighty Shakespeare ascended at will with so much of imperial splendor and majestic inspiration. Great as Bacon was in his own chosen field he was not endowed with high poetic art, had not received the divine afflatus, and was at best a versifier of most indifferent gifts and parsimonious success. Read Mr. Fiske if you would enjoy the fruits of ample learning and have a sufficient view of the range of the discussion and the intense stupidity of the vain, theorizers. Coleridge called Shakespeare appreciatively and happily "oceanic" and again "myriad-minded." By all odds the greatest genius the world has seen. It is pithy and mean and stupid and ignorant to try to rob him of his precious gifts and immortal productions. Says the New Englander strikingly and felicitously:

"They were written by a practical actor and manager, the most consummate master of dramatic effects that ever lived; a poet unsurpassed for fertility of invention, unequalled for melody of language, unapproached for delicacy of fancy, inexhaustible in humor, profoundest of moralists; a man who knew human nature by intuition, as Mozart knew counterpoint or as Chopin knew harmony. The name of that writer was none other than William Shakespeare of Stratford-on-Avon."

All the better class of American critics so far as we have noticed, have been in full agreement as to the superior merits of the life of Tennyson by his son Hallam. Though all agree as to the singular taste, the admirable tact, the modesty, the restrained judgment, the literary skill of the work, which promises evidently to take rank with the three or four best biographies in our language. We have been much interested in the critical paper in the last number of the Atlantic Monthly by Mr. Hamilton W. Mabie, one of the most elegant writers and best cultured of the present school of American essayists and critics. It is highly appreciative of the present Lord Tennyson's work. It gives us a sympathetic and an enticing view of one of the greatest poets of this century, and after Shakespeare and Milton, hardly second to any other in poetry. He was a most remarkable man, of rare learning, and most learned among poets since Milton; of wonderful personal beauty in his youth, of commanding presence and of manifold attractions. It is quoted in the article referred to by Mr. Mabie from the biography that Dean Alford said of him, "I long ago set him down for the most wonderful person I ever knew," and it is added that the great Gladstone has

expressed substantially the same feeling. We may add that Thackeray, who knew what constituted greatness, held Tennyson in the highest estimate and said that he was the wisest man he ever met. This is not the place to discuss Tennyson at length, for already in editorials we have several times given views of him. Mr. Mabie refers to his rich musical style, and to the perfection of form to which he attained. He says that Poe had a magical command of sound but that Tennyson had the same magic with a far wider knowledge of the potencies and mysteries of words. It is not surprising to learn that the great laureate had not only a proper insight but an exceeding high admiration of Keats, and appreciated not only the wonderful beauty of that great poet's works but also its spiritual quality. Tennyson is quoted as saying (in the biography) that Keats, "with his high spiritual vision, would have been, if he had lived, the greatest of us all, (though his blank verse was poor) and there is something of magic and of the innermost soul of poetry in almost everything he wrote." We suppose the biography is specially interesting in its revelation of the religious views of the great poet. His belief in immortality the essayist says "was rooted so deep in all his thinking that he refused to qualify or limit it in any way." He did not believe in everlasting punishment but he did believe in the atoning work of the Saviour. To a young man going to a university he said "The love of God is the true basis of duty, truth, reverence, loyalty, love, virtue and work." The poet requested his son that his poem written in his eighty first year of so remarkable inspiration and so well known now, "Crossing the Bar," should be printed at the end of all editions of his work. Mr. Mabie says well "It will stand therefore in its beautiful simplicity and truthfulness as his final confessions of his faith. Mr. Mabie says at the close of his fine paper "In the long history of English literature, there is no picture of old age more beautiful and satisfying than that which appears in this biography—an old age rich in fame and honor but richer still in the fulfillments, and fruition of a life long devoted to the highest ends of art, an age free from envy, generous in appreciation, fresh in feeling and moving steadily forward in the larger and clearer vision of truth." One more quotation, "When all has been said about the beauty and significance of Tennyson's work, it may be seen that his finest contributions to civilization was, not his poetry, but his life." This was rapidly dictated by one not practiced in that work.

RELIGIOUS EDITORIALS FOR SUNDAY.

Some of the northern secular papers think there is an immense drifting from the old religious landmarks and that leaders of religious thought are creating a positive "revolution" in theology. They see the attacks are from within and not from without, and they strike at fundamentals—at the old beliefs of the church, and are digging away to undermine and destroy. The attentive readers of The Messenger will bear witness that for years we have criticised these learned assaults by captious unbelievers within the church. We have uniformly referred to them as sappers and miners for years. Of course they have not passed unchallenged. The able, learned, loyal members of Christ—the faithful, sleepless sentinels on the watchtowers of Christianity have seen the foes and resisted their cunning concentrated attacks upon the very citadel of truth. The New York Tribune of the 17th editorially noticing these speculative and critical drifts from the standards and the old religious belief says:

"But the significant feature of the situation today is the change of attitude and belief within the orthodox churches themselves. Against this new form of assault on the old theology the weapons of the champions of religion are of little avail; for they were forged in order to do service against unbelievers from without. A new situation has arisen that calls for a new method of warfare. Men within the pale of all the churches who call themselves loyal believers, and who thus far have been able to hold their place within the ranks of orthodoxy, are repudiating many of the beliefs on which orthodoxy rests. These dissidents point to the fact that they have already fastened many of their views on the church, and declare that in the not distant future they will succeed in recasting the whole theological system of the church. This is the issue that

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the conservatives are called upon to meet. How are they going to meet it? This is no new thing. It is not even a new discovery. For twenty or forty years a highly educated class of theologians have been making assaults upon the verities of the Bible, upon the New Testament record, upon the first six books of the Old Testament, upon the very fundamentals of Christian truth and orthodoxy. Professors in colleges—men set to protect and defend the truth against all critical assailants, have turned faithless and false and conspired to destroy old beliefs and venerated truths and set up scientific unbelief and unevangelical dogmatics and plausible sophism all buttressed by a show of learning and backed with a display of confidence and boastfulness quite marvellous. Not one of these scientific and linguistic critics has failed to be met, and it is not often if ever that they have not been vanquished. If the old beliefs can be destroyed then the Bible is wrecked and man is left without a God, without a Saviour, without a home hereafter. He is not even a "child crying for the light," but a homeless vagrant and orphan. In the meantime the true Christian, the loyal believer, the sincere disciple of the Redeemer will hold fast to revealed truth, will continue in the "old paths" that the "fathers trod," will love, honor, serve, glorify their Heavenly Father and believing in the Saviour to the salvation of their souls will at last reach the Heavenly Canaan and be at rest forever. God pity the scientific sceptic and the ignorant theological blather-skite.

We promised to write of Paul's letter to the Ephesians, chapter 2nd, from fourth to ninth verses inclusive. We last Sunday said it set forth in completeness the plan of salvation as embodied in the Gospels, and that this passage was one of seven passages of similar import that might be designated the Little Testaments. The teaching of the New Testament is that salvation is of God, and by grace we are saved through faith. The doctrine of natural depravity is the clear doctrine of God as set forth in the eternal Scriptures of Inspiration. There is no pretense of teachers of truth, that is froth and emptiness. It seeks to deny this primal doctrine of sin and man's fallen state, and even denies that a new birth, a real regeneration of soul, is necessary. But God teaches the truth, and He teaches that man is a lost sinner, and that he is never saved except through His own free grace. The Bible teaches that the dead in sin are made alive in Christ. Man fallen and lost is remembered in mercy, and saved through the great love of God through the sacrifice of His own dear Son, Jesus Christ. The words of God in the fourth and fifth verses show this in unmistakable terms. "But God who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved.) Here is plain sailing. On this sea there is no storm of doubt. First it is God's love, so mighty towards the sinner lost and dead that moves Him in mercy to send the Holy Spirit to quicken, for a sinner lost and "dead" cannot possibly make himself alive. It is when we are literally, truly "dead in sin" that God moved by mercy and "his great love wherewith he loved us," forgives and saves and for His dear and only Son's sake. He quickens us, makes us live by giving us freely the gift of means of life. He forgives and raises the sinner from death unto life, from sin to holiness. Having so "raised us together," He builds us in the most holy faith, and makes "us to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." (6th verse.) Having been saved through grace from sins and their consequences of evil, and receiving freely the gift of life in Christ, we become in this way entitled to a portion in that heavenly glory which is the bestowment of God, and the proper inheritance of our Lord and Saviour who is seated at the right hand of the Father. In the seventh verse we learn that this process of redemption, and this oneness with Christ as Saviour, will be known through eternity, "in all the ages to come," and that it may be to give the knowledge of this marvellous redemptive work its proper duration, and to "show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness towards us through Christ Jesus." (7th verse.) This world is to be continued for a while that this great, blessed truth of salvation may be made known, and this merciful, this astonishing, this blessed plan of salvation of lost souls will be the greatest theme in the endless ages of eternity. It will be the joy and happiness of the saved—this wondrous exercise of God's goodness and mercy and love towards the fallen children of men, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ—the one plan and the only Saviour. Then in the eighth verse we are told that "by grace are ye saved through faith." This is foolishness to many, but it is food, light, peace and joy to the saved. It is all of grace, for it is the free and unmerited mercy of God. It is through faith. We stop not to tell what faith is and what it is not in scholastic manner. It is enough to say that we are saved through the exercise of faith, through our believing in God, believing in His mercy and promises, accepting the Saviour as such, for it is God who justifies, pardons the ungodly, and accepts Him because he believes in the Son. It is for the Son's sake—this great redemptive, atoning sacrifice, that the Father smiles graciously, and pardons and blesses. "And that not of yourselves," says Paul, "it is the gift of God." It is "not of works, lest any man should boast." Remember that, We are not saved by service or obedience or giving or being members

of the church. We are saved purely, solely by the grace of God, by accepting His conditions of mercy and trusting in the Redeemer. It is all God's blessed, free gift, by and through the merits of the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. No flesh can possibly glory in the exalted and holy presence of God. So ends the lesson. We wished to emphasize the fact, the great truth of God, that it is only by grace we can be saved, and only Jesus Christ is our Redeemer. The saved have been "created in Christ Jesus unto good works." Remember that, for it is very important. Saved by grace, you must show forth your living faith by good works—by walking according to God's will in holy life, "for we are His workmanship." We should walk in all sobriety and humility, and in our life and service exhibit the abounding graces, virtues, and beauties of the Life of Christ in our own lives in so far as we can by God's abounding help to do so.

A Fayetteville Budget

(Correspondence of The Messenger.) Fayetteville, N. C., October 30.

Mr. Robert Strange, the contractor for the work, has nearly finished the sewer leading from the fall to Cross creek, through Russell and Cool Spring streets—a fine piece of work, which, your correspondent learns this morning is confronted in the last stages of its accomplishment, by an injunction. The new telephone management, of which Mr. George Holderness is head, is putting up poles and making other desired improvements throughout the city. It is rumored that Mr. Hawkins, ex-manager of the telephone company, will intensify the regret naturally felt at his departure from this city by taking unto himself and carrying away with him one of our most charming girls.

Three important church meetings have stirred religious feeling in this community during the past few weeks. Dr. L. L. Nash, the able pastor of Hay street Methodist church, led off by a series of fervent, interesting services productive of much good; he was followed by Rev. Dr. Drew, of Richmond, Va. in the Presbyterian church, and this week the congregation of the First Baptist church, Rev. C. A. G. Thomas, pastor, have been edified and thrilled by powerful sermons from Rev. F. H. Martin of Virginia, whose meetings in the state and Washington, D. C., were great gatherings of earnest people, resulting in one hundred conversions in the national capital.

The news gatherer has a strange recent death to record, the dead body of a colored man was found this week in a shanty at Hope Mills. Nothing about the remains betokened want, the clothing being good, but the physician showed the form to be in the last stages of disease—evidently a death from evidence of the prosperity of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company, and its increase of business at this point, is exhibited in the construction of an annex to the freight depot, whereby its capacity is just doubled. Two splendid new passenger engines built at Schenectady, N. Y., for the Florida East Coast railway, passed over the Atlantic Coast Line railroad this morning, and three more are to follow.

Every expression of regret on the part of Wilmington people over the possible departure of Rev. Dr. Robert Strange to Norfolk, Va., finds its echo among this people. We all admire and love Dr. Strange, and feel that, in a measure he belongs to us as well as to you. The Atlanta Constitution announces the approaching marriage of Mr. Robert Hunter Troy, special agent at Memphis, Tenn., of the United States agricultural department, to a lovely belle of the Georgia "gate city." Mr. Troy is one of the most promising and talented of Fayetteville's young "dispersed abroad," and here are hearty wishes for his happiness in advance.

Mr. H. R. Novitzky leaves here tomorrow night for Savannah, which, it is possible, he may make his future home. Fayetteville esteems him, and will lament his departure. Especially will municipal circles miss him surely. Mr. H. A. Grenameyer also leaves us, an excellent citizen, and a basso as incomparable as Mr. Novitzky as a tenor. A pleasant soiree was given last evening in McKethers' hall by the pupils of the dancing school of Misses Matthews and Williams.

The first of the course of lectures before the students of the Fayetteville Military Academy during the scholastic year was delivered last night by Mr. J. H. Myrover, instructor in Greek, rhetoric, elocution and French. Besides the students, there was a sprinkling of patrons of the school in the audience. At an election this week Cadets M. W. Nash and W. A. McPherson were chosen captains of the two companies forming the battalion.

The death of Henry George is another black mark against the follow of over work to serve the ends of mundane ambition. Mr. John Gorham is installed as clerk of the Hotel LaFayette, succeeding Mr. Irving Overbaugh, who goes to Omaha. This excellent house, Mr. Malcolm Matthews, manager, is taking on new paint, getting its "storm" doors up for winter, etc.

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Foot Ball and Other University Gossip
(Correspondence of The Messenger.) Chapel Hill, N. C., October 30.

The past week has been rainy and cold and has been altogether unpleasant, but we hope for better weather, next week. Notwithstanding the weather, the foot ball team has had its regular practices and are getting hearty down more earnestly and with a stronger determination to do their best than ever before. Last Monday our team played Clemson college, of South Carolina, and won from them by the score of 26 to 0. Clemson had to leave a few minutes after the second half began, and as our boys scored 24 points in the first half, the score would have

undoubtedly been larger if the game had been finished.

Yesterday at 3:50 o'clock p. m. the 'varsity team left for Danville, Va., where this afternoon they play the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and they expect to come back victorious.

The Fresh team and the Junior team played a very interesting game of foot ball last Thursday. The Juniors won by a score of 8 to 0.

Thursday night in Girard hall, Professor Collier Cobb gave a very instructive lecture to a large house on "Living Lakes and Dead Seas," illustrated by stereopticon views.

We suppose that the alumni building will be begun next Monday, as that is the day that the contract calls for the beginning of it. The boys of the university look forward to the beginning and completion of the alumni hall with much interest, as they have long felt the want of such a building.

(By Special Dispatch.) Chapel Hill, N. C., October 30.—Virginia Polytechnic Institute won from the North Carolina 'varsity team at Danville, Va., today by the score of 4 to 0.

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The Maxton Fair

Mr. Hugh O. Wallace returned yesterday from Maxton where he was a marshal at the exposition of the Carolinas held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. He says the fair was a fine exhibition of farm products and live stock, there was excellent racing, and the attendance was good.

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